

Senate Bill No. 114

CHAPTER 42

An act to amend Sections 18259.7 and 18259.10 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to sexually exploited minors.

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SB 114, Pavley. Commercially sexually exploited minors.

Existing law authorizes, until January 1, 2014, the County of Los Angeles to create a pilot project, contingent upon local funding, for the purpose of developing a comprehensive, replicative, multidisciplinary model to address the needs and effective treatment of commercially sexually exploited minors, as specified. Existing law requires the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles to submit a report to the Legislature on or before April 1, 2013, that summarizes his or her activities with relation to the pilot project to assist the Legislature in determining whether the pilot project should be extended or expanded to other counties.

This bill would extend the operation of the pilot project until January 1, 2017, and would extend the date by which the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles is required to file the report by April 1, 2016.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 18259.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

18259.7. (a) The County of Los Angeles, contingent upon local funding, may establish a pilot project consistent with this chapter to develop a comprehensive, replicative, multidisciplinary model to address the needs and effective treatment of commercially sexually exploited minors who have been arrested or detained by local law enforcement for a violation of subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 647 or subdivision (a) of Section 653.22 of the Penal Code.

(b) The District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles, in collaboration with county and community-based agencies, may develop, as a component of the pilot project described in this chapter, protocols for identifying and assessing minors, upon arrest or detention by law enforcement, who may be victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

(c) The District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles, in collaboration with county and community-based agencies that serve commercially sexually exploited minors, may develop, as a component of the pilot project described

in this chapter, a diversion program reflecting the best practices to address the needs and requirements of arrested or detained minors who have been determined to be victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

(d) The District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles, in collaboration with county and community-based agencies, may form, as a component of the pilot project described in this chapter, a multidisciplinary team including, but not limited to, city police departments, the county sheriff's department, the public defender's office, the probation department, child protective services, and community-based organizations that work with or advocate for commercially sexually exploited minors, to do both of the following:

(1) Develop a training curriculum reflecting the best practices for identifying and assessing minors who may be victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

(2) Offer and provide this training curriculum through multidisciplinary teams to law enforcement, child protective services, and others who are required to respond to arrested or detained minors who may be victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

(e) The District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles shall, on or before April 1, 2016, submit a report to the Legislature that summarizes the activities performed by the district attorney pursuant to this section, so that the Legislature may determine whether the pilot project should be extended or expanded to other counties prior to the repeal of this chapter pursuant to Section 18259.10. The report shall, at a minimum, include the number of sexually exploited minors, if any, diverted by the program authorized in subdivision (c), and a summary of the types of services and alternate treatments provided to those minors. This report shall be contingent upon local funding, and shall be required only if the County of Los Angeles establishes a pilot project and the district attorney performs any of the activities of the pilot project authorized by this chapter. The report shall not include any information that would reveal the identity of a specific sexually exploited minor.

SEC. 2. Section 18259.10 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

18259.10. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2017, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2017, deletes or extends that date.